

REMARKS

Applicants thank the examiner for his examination to date and indication of the allowable claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 5-9, and 13 are currently being amended.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-17 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5-9 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

In response, applicants have amended the claims 5 – 9 to more clearly indicate what is being further limited in each claim.

Additionally, applicants have amended claim 13 to remove any issues of antecedent basis in the claim.

Objections – Abstract of Disclosure

In response the examiner's objection to the Abstract, Applicants provide a new Abstract in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.72. The new Abstract is free of phrases that can be implied as indicated by the examiner. Additionally a marked-up version is provided showing the changes relative to the old Abstract. This amendment does not introduce any new matter.


Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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